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West-India Goods,

Of every Kind, to be Sold on very low Terms, for Cash, Tobacco, Hemp or Flour, by

John Murray and Co.

Also, a few Cags of fine old Coniac Brandy, and Frontigniac Wine in small Cases.

☞ They will exchange a small Quantity of Salt to receive Fish in Payment early in the Season.

Alexandria, March 1, 1785.

N. B. A general Assortment of European GOODS as usual.

Robert Adam,

HAS for sale, old Jamaica spirits, West-India rum, coffee, sugar and cocoa.——Also, a general assortment of DRY-GOODS, and QUEEN's-WARE, which he will sell on very reasonable terms, for cash or country produce,—He has to let, on Ground-Rent for ever, Twenty-Nine LOTS under the bank, all made ground, between Water and Union streets, and also on the east side of Union-street, and thence running along Princess-street, all of which are very well calculated for trade, and the accommodation of tradesmen, and very convenient to deep water, where vessels of any burthen may load and unload.—The terms may be known by applying to said Adam, Mr. John Lomax, or Mr. William Ward, where a plan of said Lots may be seen.

March 1, 1785.

ALL persons that are indebted to the estate of Doctor WILLIAM RUMNEY, deceased, are once more desired to come and pay off their balances, so that the subscriber may be enabled to pay off the debts due from that estate; those who do not comply with this request, in three months from this date, may expect that suits will be immediately commenced against them.

ROBERT ADAM, Executor.

March 1, 1785.

FOR SALE,

A Few Gross of empty Bottles.—Inquire of Capt. ROBERTSON on board the Lilly, or

DANIEL and ISAAC M'PHERSON.

☞ A Person well recommended to act as Second Mate of a Ship, will meet with Encouragement by applying as above.

Alexandria, March 1, 1785.

THE Vestries of the different parishes throughout the State, being by an act passed the last session to be dissolved on Easter day next, and the Vestries being by the same act empowered to levy all arrearages and legal demands against the parishes, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the Vestry of Fairfax Parish, that the Vestry will meet at the vestry-house, near the Falls church, on Wednesday the 16th day of March next, for the purpose of settling all claims and levying all arrearages; and all persons having demands against that parish, or who have undertaken the care of the parish poor, are desired to attend: And the members of the Protestant Episcopal Church are hereby informed that an election of vestrymen will be held at the vestry-house, on the Monday in next Easter week, agreeably to the directions of the beforementioned act,

DAVID GRIFFITH, Minister,
R. T. HOOE, } Church Wardens,
W. PAYNE, }

Feb. 10, 1785.

Left on the Counter of Messieurs Shreve and Lawrason's Store.

AN Auditor's Interest Certificate.—The owner may have it again by applying at said store, and paying the charge of this advertisement.

Alexandria, March 1, 1785.

TO BE SOLD,

A Warrant for Four Thousand acres of LAND, on the Western Waters of this State, the property of a late Continental Officer.—For Terms inquire of the Printers.

To be Let,
On Ground-Rent for ever,

SUNDRY Lots of Ground adjoining this Town. The Ground will be shewn, and the Terms made known by Mr. OLIVER PRICE in Alexandria, or the Subscriber. DAVID GRIFFITH.

Alexandria, Feb. 24, 1785.

Wright and Long,

Taylors and Ladies Habit-Makers, from Philadelphia,

TAKE this method of informing their friends and the public in general, that they have commenced business at the corner of King and Royal streets, next door to Mr. M'Knight's.—Such gentlemen as please to favor them with their custom may rely on being served with the greatest elegance and despatch.—Said WRIGHT and LONG take the liberty of returning their sincerest thanks to those who have already been pleased to favor them with their commands, and hope, by their skill and attention to business, to merit a continuance of their favors.

Alexandria, Feb. 22, 1785.

To be Sold at Public Vendue, on Saturday the 12th Instant.

A LOT of GROUND in this town, adjoining the lots of Robert Adam, Esq; fronting on Queen-street 20 feet, and extending back 88 feet 3 inches.—The terms will be one half the money in hand and the balance in 6 weeks from the day of sale, and a good and sufficient title will be made by the subscriber.—At the same time will be rented my HOUSE on Prince-street, in the situation it now stands, to the person who will finish it for the shortest Time. ISABELLA ELTON.

Alexandria, March 1, 1785.

THE sale of the LANDS I advertised a few weeks ago, is postponed from unavoidable causes, the Maryland Tract to the 20th of March, and the Virginia Tract to the 2d day of April.—They will then be sold upon the terms communicated in the postscript of the advertisement above alluded to. PEREGRINE FITZHUGH.

Feb. 27, 1785.

RAN away from the subscriber a likely young Negro Fellow, named JACOB, about 21 years of age, a brownish complexion, a steadfast look when talked with, big lips, a long high nose, with a scar on the top rather between his eye-brows, from a slight kick of a horse; he walks with his legs close and turns his toes in; is about 5 feet 5 or 6 inches high, is a very sensible artful fellow, and may probably make his way across Potomack or towards Baltimore, as he has travelled a considerable distance back and endeavoured to get free;—He had on when he went away a coarse brown cloth coat with buttons of the same, with a red plush cape to it, an osnaburg shirt, an old green jacket, and new white country cloth breeches.—Whoever takes up said Negro and secures him so that I may get him again, shall have Twenty Shillings more than the law allows, paid by

SAMUEL MITCHELL,

Charles County, Feb. 23, 1785.

To be Rented for the ensuing Season,

THE Fisheries at Belvoir, one of which is allowed to be one of the best Herring Fisheries on Potomack River,—The other Shores are not much inferior.—For Terms apply to

BATTAILE MUSE.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of Mr. THOMAS KIRKPATRICK, deceased, are requested to make immediate payment, or their accounts and bonds will be put into the hands of an attorney; and all those who have claims against the estate are desired to bring them in, that they may be adjusted and paid.

ROBERT ADAM,
ROBERT M'CREA,
JOHN GIBSON,
WILLIAM HUNTER, jun. } Executors.

Alexandria, March 2, 1785.

To be Sold on Thursday the 7th Day of April next agreeable to the last Will and Testament of William Douglass, Esq; deceased, at his late Dwelling-House, for Ready-Money,

A TRACT of LAND in the Parish of Shelburne, in Loudon County, Virginia, containing 150 acres, near said dwelling-house, formerly purchased of Edward Dulin, whose heir will join in the conveyance, on the purchasers paying to him the first purchase-money, which is infinitely short of the value of the land; at the same time will also be sold for ready-money, 30 acres of LAND called the Smith's-Shop-Field, contiguous to said dwelling-house, purchased of Thomas Awbrey; also 70 acres of LAND adjoining the Smith-Shop-Field, likewise purchased of Thomas Awbrey; and also all the right and title of 535 acres of LAND, purchased of John Sinclair, known by the name of Hawling's Bottom, on Potomack River, of which the said William Douglass died in possession of only 365 acres; likewise a vacancy of 8 acres adjoining said Hawling's land, for which there is a deed, and 12 acres of LAND more adjoining said 8 acres, lying on the river, purchased of Thomas Awbrey.—The reason that the dwelling-house and other improvements of the said William Douglass, together with 900 acres of land to which they belong, are not now advertised, is that they are included in two mortgages with which the subscriber does not choose to intermeddle until the equity of redemption is foreclosed, as he thinks them encumbered beyond what they will sell for.—The plots will be shewn and explained on the day of sale to such persons as may be disposed to purchase; and as the day of sale has been put off two different times, owing to the badness of the weather, if the above day should be foul, the premises advertised will be sold the next fair day.

HUGH DOUGLASS, Executor.

Feb. 14, 1785.

Berkely County, Feb. 11, 1785.

BY a power of attorney to me directed from Nathaniel Lyttleton Savage, Esq; I am authorised to sell on the 29th of March next, the PLANTATION whereon Mr. Rich Willis lately moved from, lying in the aforesaid County, near Keys's Ferry; it contains Four Hundred acres, has a neat well finished dwelling-house on it, some out-houses, a good spring, a large stream running through it, and about 8 or 10 acres of valuable meadow-ground; the land is good in quality, level and in a neighbourhood of genteel families. The purchaser upon paying half the cash down, and giving bond with approved security for the balance to be paid in six months, will have possession given on the first of January next, and an undoubted title, by

GILES COOK jun.

☞ FOR the Accommodation of travelling Gentlemen and others, the Subscriber will let Boys and Horses.—The Boys can be well recommended, and are acquainted with most of the Public Roads and Towns in Virginia.—Inquire at Messrs. Lomax, Ward, or Wise's Taverns.

ROGER CHEW,

Alexandria, March 1, 1785.

LONDON, December 1.

THE vigor of Old Frederick's mind, the brilliancy of that ſpirit which aſtoniſhed all the world twenty years ago, is daily giving way to the obligations of mortality; his ardour for the field may not be entirely abated, but has greatly ſubſided within the laſt three years. The Emperor well knows this, and preſumes upon the knowledge. He is aware that his Pruſſian Majeſty will take the field in favor of the Dutch, but does not conſider it in ſo important a point of view as the politicians of this country regard it. At all events, he is determined to riſk the iſſue of a campaign, and to ſupport his own dignity, which muſt be ſullied, if his oppoſition to the Dutch is abandoned.

Betts are laid that a certain *crack-brained popular* gentleman *(Lord George Gordon)* will be in the Tower in leſs than three months; and indeed his preſent conduct favors very much of offence to the conſtitution of the country, and the dictates of common ſenſe.

Copy of a letter from the Right Honorable COUNT O'ROURKE, *to the Right Honorable* LORD GEORGE GORDON.

Cary-ſtreet, oppoſite Lincoln's Inn, Nov. 24, 1784.

"*My Lord* GEORGE,

"I SHALL be glad to know what motive or what intereſt you can have in being ſo vehement againſt the ancient Catholic religion? Has your Lordſhip forgot that you ſprung from anceſtors who thought that way of thinking right; and that at this moment your aunt profeſſes it in all its original forms? That which was the religion of your family at ſo late a period as in the time of your grandfather, ſhould not be ſo reviled by you. Give me leave to aſk what religion it is that you profeſs which recommends perſecution? Surely not the Proteſtant! I acknowledge that I am, and all my forefathers were Roman Catholics—my family can boaſt of antiquity before that of the *Gordons*—well known to the Britiſh court—well known at all the courts in Europe—I am at preſent the chief of that family, and as I before obſerved, profeſs the ſame way of thinking that they did, in matters of religion—but I am not for perſecution—men of late, of both religions, have got a more liberal way of thinking; toleration has diffuſed itſelf over the world, and ſhewed men the folly of falling out about religion, and that it is not any particular mode of worſhip that will open the road to Heaven. What became of your Lordſhip, that you did not ſhare or partake of that bleſſing? Did you envelope yourſelf in ſo great a degree in enthuſiaſm, as to prevent its approaching you? In former times no wars were carried on, no diſaffection to government, in ſhort, no plot, though ever ſo wicked, but had, as its covering, the ſecurity of religion. The intereſt of the eſtabliſhed church has been, and you intend ſhall again be your foundation for tumults, riots, &c. ſimilar to thoſe of 1780. Take care, my Lord, hearken to my advice, deſiſt from your late conduct; let every man go to Heaven his own way; his Majeſty has not more loyal or better ſubjects in his dominions than the Catholics; they have committed no outrage, they have not diſturbed the public peace, nor attempted to diſtreſs the government of this country when at war with many great powers? Forget the odious word Papiſt, which you ſo frequently make uſe of, when ſpeaking of the Roman Catholics--but ſhould it endeavour to force up, take a draught of warm water and force it down again.

"I had the honor of being a Captain in a Scotch regiment in the French ſervice; in it were men of different religions, yet we lived like friends, not ſuffering the difference of religion to create feuds and diſſentions among us; Lord Lewis Drummond commanded the regiment—it would have been fortunate for you had you paſſed a few years in it; it might have given you a more liberal way of thinking, and kept you out of a vaſt deal of trouble; it is not too late to mend; and when your Lordſhip pleaſes to call on me, I ſhall be happy to enlarge on the ſubject with you, and perhaps, if you are not predetermined, I may be able to convince you that you are wrong.

I have the honor to be,
Your Lordſhip's moſt obedient,
Humble ſervant,
O'ROURKE.

"P. S. I ſhould be glad to know who this officer of the Iriſh Brigade is, that you ſo pompouſly mention in your letter to Mr. Pitt: If he has quitted that brave corps with the approbation of his commanders, and with the character of a man of honor, and is ſo in reality, I am ſure you can have no influence over him to make him join in your preſent ſchemes. I muſt alſo remark, that when you ſpeak of the Emperor, you ſhould obſerve the reſpect due to ſo great a public, and ſo illuſtrious a private character."

Lord GEORGE GORDON's Anſwer.

"SIR,

"YOUR letter, dated the 23d, was not delivered at my houſe till yeſterday the 28th.—In reply to it, give me leave to inform you, that, as Preſident of the Proteſtant Aſſociation, I am anſwerable to my conſtituents for my watchfulneſs and fidelity in diſcharging the important truſt they have repoſed in me; I am alſo accountable to government and the magiſtrates, if I, in any degree tranſgreſs the laws of the land; but I am no way reſponſible for my public conduct to you or any other private individual. You will therefore excuſe me for declining the offer you make me, of calling upon you to enlarge on the ſubject.

I am, Sir,
Your moſt obedient,
and humble ſervant,
G. GORDON."

Welbeck-ſtreet, Nov. 29, 1784.

TENERIFFE, December 18.

By a bark that arrived here the 14th inſt. from the iſland of Hierro, we have an account of a moſt melancholy event which took place there the 7th. On the 6th, a veſſel diſplaying white colours, landed 37 people, among whom were five, or as ſome ſay, ſeven women, and one or more of theſe had infants in their arms. They came aſhore on a beach in the S. W. part of the iſland, ſurrounded on the land ſide by high inacceſſible rocks, which entirely prevented all ingreſs into the country, except at one particular part where there is a ſteep and narrow defile, through which one perſon at a time may paſs. This inlet was immediately ſecured by ſome of the iſlanders who happened to be near, whilſt others went to the principal town and gave an account of the coming of theſe people to the Governor, Don Juan Briz Calderon: this officer convened the Council, or as it is called here, the Cavildo of the iſland; and unfortunately for theſe devoted people, very ſtrict general orders had been iſſued, in conſequence of the plague raging in ſome parts of Europe, not to admit any veſſels whatever, until, upon a due examination of their papers, it ſhould appear there was no danger of infection. The Governor fearing, or pretending to fear, that theſe new comers might poſſibly have the plague among them, propoſed the horrid meaſure of cutting them all off. Some of the Cavildo, to their laſting honor, ſtrenuouſly oppoſed ſo ſhocking a ſtep, and pleaded the cauſe of the innocent victims and of humanity itſelf; they argued that theſe unhappy ſtrangers all appeared healthy, and gave no cauſe to apprehend they were any ways infected; that ſome unavoidable diſtreſs might have compelled them to ſeek an aſylum on their ſhore; that all poſſible means of retreat were cut off from them, as the veſſel that landed them had ſailed away; that it was cruelly unjuſt to inflict the ſevereſt of all puniſhments upon them, for tranſgreſſing a temporary law of the country, which they could not poſſibly be acquainted with, in order to go through the forms preſcribed previous to their landing; and finally, that though they ſhould be infected with the diſtemper ſo much feared, the ſpot of ground they occupied effectually ſecured the inhabitants from any apprehenſions of catching the infection from them, by only guarding the ſingle avenue through which they could have any poſſible communication with the country, generouſly offering at the ſame time, to maintain at their own expence theſe unhappy ſtrangers, until the Governor-General of the iſlands, reſiding at Teneriffe, ſhould be informed of the caſe, and his determination upon it be known. Unhappily, theſe humane ſentiments were not liſtened to by Briz and others, who adopted this ſcandalous and bloody reſolution of ſlaughtering them, without mercy or delay. Accordingly the militia armed and officered, with the curſed Briz at their head, marched to the place where the horrid murder was to be executed; they found the poor victims diſperſed along the beach; the men, ſome gathering ſhell-fiſh, and others walking together in ſmall ſociable parties; the women were, ſome ſitting on the ſand, combing and dreſſing one another's hair; others waſhing ſome linen in the ſea water, and others fondling their infants. Thus ſituated they were found by their infernal butchers, who, in order to gather them together, to perpetrate with more eaſe their diabolical purpoſes, caſt down an empty caſk upon the beach; the unfortunate people thinking it was ſome kind relief intended for them, immediately flocked together where the caſk ſtood, and here the maſſacre began. Humanity revolts at the ſhocking idea: Suffice it to ſay, that in a few minutes an end was put to the exiſtence of them all, except of one of the women who took ſhelter with her child between two rocks cloſe to the water's edge, and of a man, who after having a ball lodged in his arm, took to the ſea, where he kept ſwimming upwards of two hours, but being obliged to cling to a rock to eſcape drowning, was there cut in pieces with a ſabre; the poor woman was alſo ſoon followed into her retreat, and there ſtabbed to death with a knife. That mercileſs miſcreant the Governor was the firſt that fired his piece, and obſerving a viſible backwardneſs in many of the militia in following his example, he threatened them with inſtant death if they heſitated in the leaſt, and to ſhew he was in earneſt, knocked down the neareſt man to him with the butt end of his muſket, for appearing reluctant. The news of this ſavage act of barbarity, has been received here by all ranks of people with the deepeſt concern and regret, and by none more than our Governor-General, who deplores it extremely: He could not at firſt give credit to it, but was at length convinced of the fatal truth by letters from the infernal wretch Briz himſelf. Exaſperated to the higheſt pitch, he has given a commiſſion to an officer of rank to go over to Hierro, and take cognizance of this tragical affair, and it is hoped and expected, the ſhedders of ſo much innocent blood, will, in the end, meet with condign puniſhment.

It is not as yet known with certainty, of what nation theſe unfortunate people were, but it is generally ſuppoſed they were from Ireland or Scotland, going to America.

From the BAHAMA GAZETTE.

NASSAU, January 8.

We are well informed, that a re-enforcement of more than one thouſand troops was lately ſent from the Havana to New-Orleans. The vaſt numbers of Americans ſettling on the frontiers of Louiſiana, and the uneaſineſs they manifeſt at being reſtrained from the free navigation of the Miſſiſſippi, afford to the Spaniſh government good grounds of jealouſy and diſtruſt.

The detachments to Florida, Louiſiana and South-America, have ſo much reduced the military force of Cuba, that juſt now no inconſiderable part of the garriſon duty of the Havana is done by the militia.

Don Antonio Claracony Sanz, Governor of theſe iſlands, when under the Spaniſh dominion, is confined in the Moro-caſtle. It was not known whether he would be tried by a court-martial at the Havana, or ſent home to Spain.

Don Galvez, lately appointed to the government of Cuba, &c. &c. was daily expected at the Havana, when the Porcupine ſloop of war left it.

Laſt week, when there was not a ſingle barrel of merchantable flour in this market, a large ſupply moſt opportunely arrived in the brig Live-Oak, belonging to this port, from Baltimore. The occaſion was favorable for demanding a high price; but the gentleman who received the flour would not avail himſelf of it.

It will not now be denied that the very few articles we want from the American States, may be brought from thence in our own veſſels. To allow foreigners a participation in any branch of commerce, to which we are fully adequate ourſelves, might be deemed a ſpecies of political ſuicide.

JANUARY 15.

Extract of a letter from St. Auguſtine, dated December 5, 1784.

"Governor Tonyn's preſence in this country chagrins the Spaniards, but is a favorable circumſtance for the Britiſh inhabitants. His conduct as a faithful ſervant of the crown, and a ſteady friend to the unfortunate loyaliſts, was never more conſpicuous than at the preſent criſis. Regardleſs of indirect hints, nay open declarations, to leſſen his conſequence with them, and their reſpect for him, he ſteadily perſeveres in embracing every opportunity of advancing their intereſts, and alleviating their diſtreſſes."

When the Tartar left London, it was reported that government had it in contemplation to eſtabliſh a free port in theſe iſlands.

CHARLESTON, *(South-Carolina) Feb. 3.*

Extract of a letter from a gentleman in London, to his friend in this city,

"Your next legiſlature will require a great deal of wiſdom and prudence. American credit never was at ſo low an ebb as at preſent, ſeveral American houſes have ſtopped for want of remittances from your ſide the water. You have made no proviſion for the payment, even of the intereſt, of either the Continental or State debt, and the value of the principal daily leſſening by the depreciation of the indents. No compenſation for loſs by payment of old debts in depreciated currency, which is here deemed a breach of public faith. The act of aſſembly prohibiting the recovery of debts, is thought highly unjuſt. If you conſider that the local annual expences of the State, including intereſt, are 127,000l. ſterling, it ought to make you look about you—it is one-third of the value of your whole crop. It is high time, both as friends to your country and good chriſtians, to diſcard all private animoſities; and for every man to ſet his ſhoulder to the burthen under which the State labours—Look your debts, both public and private, in the face—Provide for payment—Examine the charges againſt your country, and if any of them are founded in truth, do away the cauſe—Be juſt—Be magnanimous in peace, as you have been brave and honorable in war."

ALEXANDRIA, March 10.

Laſt Friday Evening, being very Dark, a Sailor belonging to a Ship in this Port, in attempting to come aſhore on a Plank, fell in and was drowned.

And on Sunday Afternoon, a Lad, belonging to a Brig from Whitehaven, fell out of a Boat, and

was alſo drowned, notwithſtanding Attempts were made to ſave him.

NAVAL-OFFICE, ALEXANDRIA.

Inward Entries. Schooner Nelly, J. King, from Maryland; Ship Aſtrea, N. Weſt, St. Euſtatia; Ship Triton, T. Lewis, Boſton; Brig Liberty, J. Nixon, New-York; Schooner Peggy, R. Quirk, Leogan.

Cleared Outwards. Ship Liberty, J. Read, for Falmouth; Brig Hope, T. Cragg, Whitehaven.

PRICES CURRENT, ALEXANDRIA.

TOBACCO 30s. per Ct.
Fine Flour, 30s. per Barrel.
Wheat, 6s. per Buſhel.
Jamaica Spirits, 4/6 per Gallon.
Windward Rum, 3s. to 3/3 per Ditto.
Continental Rum, 2s. to 2/2 per Ditto.
Molaſſes, 1/6 per Ditto.
Muſcova lo Sugar, 38s. to 45s. per Ct.
Salt, 6s. per Buſhel, by Retail.
Corn, 3s. per Buſhel.
Exchange, 40.

Jonathan Swift and Co.

TAKE the earlieſt opportunity to inform their friends and cuſtomers in town and country, that they have received, per the ſhip Ceres, Captain St. Barb, from London (via Boſton) an additional aſſortment of European GOODS, which they will diſpoſe of at a moderate advance for caſh, bills of exchange or tobacco.—They have received, per the ſhip Triton from Boſton, Weſt-India and New-England rum, molaſſes, Port wine, tea, coffee, chocolate, allſpice, cheeſe, butter, ſoap, candles, beef, mackerel, mens' and womens' leather ſhoes, womens' coarſe calamanco and laſting ſhoes; a few tons of iron hollow ware, and many other articles.—They diſcount 2½ per cent. for ready-money, and give the market price as uſual, in caſh or goods, for good tobacco.

Alexandria, March 5, 1785.

M'Crea *and* Meaſe,

Have for Sale on the moſt reaſonable Terms,

A Quantity of Dry LISBON SALT, and an Aſſortment of DRY-GOODS.—Alſo, ſeveral ſmall LOTS, on the moſt principal Streets in this Town.

Alexandria, March 8, 1785.

PUBLIC VENDUE.

On Saturday next, the 12th Inſt. will be Sold at the Vendue-Office, oppoſite the Court-Houſe,

IRISH linens, canvas, oſnaburgs, calicoes, fine dimity, diaper tablecloths, black bonnet and ſewing ſilk, perſian, plain, ſpotted and ſtriped gauze, plain figured and gauze ribbons, waſh-leather gloves, tapes, oſnaburg thread, womens' and girls' ſtays, plated buckles and ſpoons, and a conſiderable parcel of well aſſorted queen's ware.—Alſo a large quantity of excellent cheeſe and butter, candles, ſoap, chocolate, coffee, allſpice, Port wine, &c. &c. &c.

☞ Caſh will be advanced to tranſient perſons who may be in immediate want, and have goods for public ſale (on depoſiting them in the hands of the Vendue-Maſter) in order to give proper time for public advertiſing.

C. COPPER, Vendue-Maſter.

Alexandria, March 9, 1785.

FOR SALE,

A LOT of GROUND, valuably ſituated on the eaſt ſide of Roval-ſtreet, between King and Prince ſtreets, containing 22 feet in front and running back 70 feet, ſubject to a ſmall ground-rent.—A purchaſer of the Lot may have with it at coſt, about 4000 feet of ſcantling, properly ſized for a two ſtory brick houſe and kitchen, a hundred tons of good building ſtone, the moſt part drawn to the Lot, and near a thouſand buſhels of ſhells for lime.

Likewiſe an unimproved well ſituated LOT of GROUND, having a weſt front of 25 feet on St. Aſaph's-ſtreet, and running back 95 feet 5 inches between Wolf and Wilkes's ſtreets, clear of ground-rent.—A ſpecial warrant will be given the purchaſer.—The terms are ready caſh, for which it may be had very cheap.

Alſo, a valuable LOT of GROUND in the town of Norfolk, containing 90 feet by 113 in Glaſgow-Square, well ſituated for any kind of public buſineſs.—Terms, a credit for half the purchaſe-money, or ſaleable merchandiſe for the whole, will be received in payment, and a good title made thereto.—Inquire of

C. COPPER.

☞ For want of employ—A Virginia born Negro BOY about 15 years of age; he is an active lively lad, a complete waiter and underſtands taking care of horſes.

Alexandria, March 8, 1785.

TO BE SOLD, BY

Porter and Ingraham,

MOLASSES per hogſhead, New-England rum, and ſugar per hogſhead or barrel.—They have remaining on hand a neat and general aſſortment of European GOODS, which they will ſell by wholeſale or retail, at a very moderate advance, for caſh or produce.

Alexandria, March 7, 1785.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

THE Ship RAPPAHANNOCK, MARK TOWELL, Maſter. She is a fine new ſhip, between 3 and 400 hogſheads of tobacco burthen, is now ready to begin to load at Frederickſburg, will take in 150 hogſheads on freight, with liberty of conſignment, at £. 7. ſterling, per ton, delivered along-ſide; the remaining part of her cargo being engaged it is expected ſhe will ſail in all March or very early in April.—She has excellent accommodations for paſſengers.

I intend to Liverpool in this ſhip, and to return in her ſo as to be here early in September with a fall cargo, ſhall be happy to execute any commands my friends and acquaintance chooſe to favor me with, in which ſhall endeavour to give them ſatisfaction.—For freight or paſſage apply to the ſubſcriber.

I earneſtly requeſt all thoſe indebted to me by bond or open account to make immediate payment, or at leaſt a ſettlement before the firſt of April, thoſe who do not may expect them put into the hands of an attorney.

JOHN BROWNLOW,

Frederickſburg, March 2, 1785.

N. B. I have for ſale about £. 2000 ſterling coſt of European Goods, and a conſiderable quantity of Weſt-India Goods, upon the loweſt terms, as I mean to break up my ſtore, and a SLOOP about 70 hogſheads burthen, 8 years old and well found; alſo, an excellent PHAETON and pair of HORSES.

J. BROWNLOW,

FOR SALE,

A LOT of GROUND in Alexandria, ſituated on Fairfax-ſtreet, about 39 feet in front by 123 feet in depth, with the conveniency of a 10 feet alley.—On the Lot is a STORE with a counting room, a back ſhed, a good cellar, and alſo a ſtable. The whole at preſent occupied by Meſſrs. Hunter, Ailiſon and Company.

Alſo a LOT of GROUND in Dumfries, near the landing, containing 122 feet in front by 108 feet in depth, on which is a brick houſe 54 feet by 28, a granary and bale-houſe each 30 by 18 (which may at a ſmall expence be converted into ſtores) and a good ſtable.——The whole will be ſold together or ſeparately as purchaſers may incline.

And to be Let on Ground-Rent for ever, a LOT in Alexandria, containing 44 feet on Fairfax-ſtreet, and 123 feet on Gibbon-Street.—For terms apply to

WILLIAM WILSON.

Alexandria, March 8, 1785.

Craik and Company,

At their Store near the Corner of Fairfax and King Streets, have juſt opened and ready for ſale a large and general Aſſortment of MEDICINES, conſiſting of

PERUVIAN Bark,
Red Bark,
Jalap,
Rhubarb,
Ipecacuanha,
Gentian,
Orange Peel,
Zedoary,
Valerian,
Liquorice,
Senna,
Glauber Salts,
Epſom Ditto,
Nitre,
Salt of Wormwood,
Ditto of Steel,
Ditto of Tartar,
Ditto of Hartſhorn, &c.
Flower of Sulphur,
Sulphur of Antimony,
Crude Antimony,
Tartar Emetic,
Cream of Tartar,
Calomel,
Aloes,
Manna,
Magneſia,
Alum,
Cantharides,
Sago,
Gum Camphor,
—— Opium,
—— Aſſafœtida,
—— Guaci,
—— Arabic,
—— Ammoniac, &c.

PATENT MEDICINES.

TURLINGTON's Balſam,
Hooper's Pills,
Lockyer's Ditto,
Anderſon's Ditto,
Bateman's Drops,
Jeſuit's ditto,
Haerlem Oil,
Greenough's Tincture,
Hill's Balſam,
James's Powders,
Squire's Elixir,
Godfrey's Cordial,
Stoughton's Bitters, &c.

The above are a freſh Importation of the firſt Quality, and will be Sold in large or ſmall Quantities, upon as good Terms as they can be purchaſed any where upon the Continent.—Orders from Gentlemen or Practioners in any Part of the Country, will be carefully and punctually executed upon the ſhorteſt Notice.

Alexandria, March 9, 1785.

Meſſieurs RICHARDS and COMPANY,

WE wiſh to inform the public through the channel of your paper, that laws, on ſimilar principles, have paſſed the Aſſemblies of Virginia and Maryland, for eſtabliſhing a Company to open and extend the navigation of the River Potomack, by which the ſaid Company are allowed to raiſe by ſubſcription a capital ſtock of Fifty Thouſand Pounds, ſterling, for completing the ſaid work, in ſhares not leſs than One Hundred Pounds, ſterling, each. It is ſtipulated that the work ſhall begin in one year after the Company is formed, and the River made navigable from the higheſt part of the North-Branch, that has water ſufficient, to the Great Falls in three years, and ſo completed from thence to tide-water in ten years after the ſaid Company is formed; and for their encouragement the Company are veſted in perpetuity with tolls, agreeably to the Act.

The Collectors are veſted with power ſufficient to enforce the payment of the tolls. The property inveſted in this fund is declared to be real eſtate, and the ſame is to be for ever free from payment of any tax, impoſition or aſſeſſment whatſoever. The probability of ſucceſs in this buſineſs has been ſo well aſcertained to the different Aſſemblies, that they have each ordered their Treaſurer to ſubſcribe for the State Five Thouſand Pounds, ſterling, ſo that one fifth of the capital is already ſecured. The two States have alſo given directions to have a wide road cut from the head of the navigation on the North-Branch to the moſt convenient head waters of the Ohio, by which ſuch an eaſy, extenſive and inland intercourſe will be opened as has not yet been diſcovered; and what is farther encouraging it opens a communication with a country that is ſaid to be the moſt healthy, commodious and fertile of any in America. Hence the great advantages that muſt inevitably flow to our country, from the ſucceſs of this ſcheme, joined to the private emoluments that are like to accrue to the adventurers, afford ſuch great encouragement, that we doubt not the remaining ſubſcriptions will ſoon be filled up. Books are now opened for this purpoſe at the city of Richmond by Jaquelin Ambler and John Beckley, Eſquires; Joſeph Holmes and Edward Smith, Eſquires, at Wincheſter, and by the Subſcribers at Alexandria. The books will be continued open till the 10th of May next, and a general meeting of the ſubſcribers called on the 17th of ſaid month, to chooſe a Preſident and Directors for carrying on the work.

JOHN FITZGERALD,
WILLIAM HARTSHORNE,

Alexandria, March 9, 1785.

FOR LONDON,

THE Ship ASTREA, a fine faſt ſailing ſhip with good accommodations for paſſengers.—She is expected to ſail by the middle of April, and will take 200 hogſheads on freight at £. 7 ſterling, per ton, with liberty of conſignment.—For freight or paſſage apply to Capt. NATHANIEL WEST, on board, at Conway's wharff, or to WILLIAM HARTSHORNE and COMPANY.

Alexandria, March 3, 1785.

N. B. Captain Weſt has a few hogſheads of good Engliſh ſugar and coffee for ſale on board ſaid ſhip.

JOHN HUFF,

Poſt-Rider from Wincheſter to Alexandria.

RETURNS his thanks to the gentlemen who have encouraged him in his undertaking, and hopes his conduct and punctuality have been ſuch as merit future encouragement.——He makes no doubt they are ſenſible of the mutual advantages, which both towns, as well as the intervening places, have received, by a regular conveyance, and wiſhes to inform them that he purpoſes, with their patronage, to engage for another year.—Subſcriptions are taken in at Mr. M'Guire's tavern, Wincheſter; at Mr. Roper's tavern, Leeſburg; and at the Printing-Office, Alexandria.

WANTED,

A Perſon to take charge of a Mill, Bake-Houſe and intereſt adjoining, conſiſting of valuable meadows and ſome upland, diſtant about 30 miles from Alexandria; a ſingle man well recommended, will only anſwer.—The above intereſt will be let, with or without the ſtock on it, if an agreeable offer is made in a few weeks.——Apply to Colonel FITZGERALD.

Alexandria, March 8, 1785.

PATRICK GOOLDING, returns his ſincere and grateful thanks to the ladies and gentlemen of this town, and the public in general, for the kind encouragement he has hitherto met with ſince his arrival here. He reſpectfully informs them that he keeps his SCHOOL in the room that Mr. M'Iver kept his in, where he faithfully promiſes to pay the ſtricteſt attention to the education and improvement of the children committed to his care. He would willingly inſtruct a few young ladies and gentlemen, at their houſes in the evenings.

Alexandria, March 8, 1785.

POETRY.

UNIVERSAL DISCONTENT.

" 'TIS wond'rous ſtrange! and yet 'tis ſtrictly true,
Amongſt ſo many thouſands there are few
Who like the way of life themſelves had choſe,
Or by what will decreed, which none ſhould e'er oppoſe.
This ſhews that men are a fantaſtic race,
Though they aſſume on earth the chiefeſt place,
And make their boaſt that reaſon is their guide;
A gift to ev'ry creature elſe deny'd,
And yet it does not to our ſenſe appear,
That aſs would be no aſs, or bear no bear.
The man of learning, to be poor afraid,
Extols the profits of the man of trade;
Whene'er he finds he no preferment gains,
To anſwer his great ſtudies, charge, and pains:
And grudging, envious of each other's fee,
Doctors would lawyers, lawyers doctors be.
O happy merchant-men! (the farmer ſays)
Who are enrich'd ſo ſoon, with ſo much eaſe;
While I, with labour and inceſſant care,
Get a ſcant living thro' the tedious year.
The merchant, of the faithleſs ſeas afraid,
Turns farmer, which he thinks a ſafer trade;
But quickly finds he is not there more free
From croſs events, than from a faithleſs ſea.
Some chuſe a ſoldier's life, but one campaign
Alters their thoughts, and then they chuſe again.
Capricious mortals! yet they all purſue
Content: Eaſe is the game they have in view,
But never catch'd, a fair deluſive cheat;
This life affords no happineſs complete.
The neareſt to it is an humble mind,
To all the ways of Providence reſign'd;
Then ſearch no farther, but contented live,
Then ſhall your choice, or wiſer Heav'n ſhall give."

THE Subſcriber having purchaſed a farm in the upper part of Fairfax County, means to decline the practice of phyſic in Alexandria; he will therefore conſider himſelf much favored if all thoſe who are indebted to him will prepare for an immediate ſettlement:—He will hold himſelf in readineſs to diſcharge any accounts that are againſt him, preſented any time after the 20th day of next month, relying much upon the punctuality of ſuch as ſtand in arrears for his profeſſional ſervices; and he is ſorry to add, that his late engagements will ſhortly oblige him to enforce a ſettlement with ſuch as have a conſiderable time ſhewn too great an unwillingneſs thereto.

☞ He will ſell on very low terms for caſh, wheat or tobacco, his Shop with the greateſt part of his Medicines and Shop-Furniture.

ELISHA C. DICK.

Alexandria, Feb. 23, 1785.

Brenton, Virginia, Prince-William County, Jan. 8, 1785.

On Monday the 4th of April next, if fair, if not the next fair Day, will be offered for Sale, at Mr. William M'Daniel's Tavern, in the Town of Dumfries,

ABOUT 4000 acres of LAND, being part of that noted tract of land, called and well known by the name of the Brenton-Tract; it lies about 17 miles from Dumfries, 30 or 35 from Alexandria, and 28 from Fredericksburg.—At Dumfries the nigheſt navigation, there is always a good and ready market for every kind of country produce, and the two laſt mentioned towns are the moſt conſiderable on the two rivers of Potomack and Rappahannock.—This land produces very good tobacco, wheat, corn, &c. is particularly well adapted to farming, being very level, can always be improved with little expence, and is remarked for its ſuperior excellence in producing wheat; there is on it ſome land which may be converted into good meadow land, and 12 or 14 good merchant mills within 30 miles, three of them as nigh as 8 miles.—The tobacco made on the land is eſteemed among the beſt carried to Dumfries, the beſt inſpection on Potomack.—The land will be laid off in lots of 1, 2 or 300 acres.—Three years credit will be given, provided the intereſt is regularly and punctually paid.—Bond carrying intereſt from the day of ſale, with approved and ſufficient ſecurity, will be required.—The land will be ſhewn by the ſubſcriber living on the premiſes.—Several blooded Nags will be ſold at the ſame time.

DANIEL CARROLL BRENT.

The Drawing of the George-Town ACADEMY LOTTERY is unavoidably put off till the Third Monday in May next.

George-Town, Feb. 2, 1785.

THE Subſcriber has on hand about Eleven Hundred Pounds, ſterling, worth of MEDICINES, SHOP-FURNITURE and SURGEONS INSTUMENTS, a large proportion thereof not yet opened, and all imported from Europe within eight months paſt; which quantity being found much too large for the common demand of this place, he will divide the whole with any gentleman in want of ſuch a ſupply, and ſell one half at firſt coſt by the invoice:—Any perſon inclining to purchaſe will find the Medicines well aſſorted, and laid in on as advantageous terms as any that have been imported ſince the peace; and they may be divided for the moſt part without breaking packages.—The other half he will retail by the pound, for ready money or ſhort credit, at an advance of 25 per cent. on the original coſt, which is conſiderably lower than they are ſold by retail any where on the continent.

W. BROWN.

Alexandria, Feb. 8, 1785.

For Sale on the Premiſes, under the Will of the late Rev. Mr. JOHN SCOTT, upon Thurſday the 14th Day of next April,

TWO TRACTS of LAND, lying on Town-Run and Elk-Run in the lower end of Fauquier County, and joining on Brenton; the one containing 832 acres, the other 678; conſiderably more than one half of theſe Tracts of Land is ſtill in woods, there being on the firſt but one plantation, on the other two, one of which is ſmall; they lie level, and the ſoil is good, and well adapted to the culture of tobacco, Indian-corn, and wheat; there is a meadow on each tract, and more may be made, there being a conſiderable quantity of low ground fit for that purpoſe; the ſituation is about 25 miles from Fredericksburg, 18 from Dumfries, and 30 from Alexandria; poſſeſſion will be given to the purchaſer of the larger tract immediately, and of the other at the end of the year, with 4000 lb. of crop tobacco, for which it is rented for the preſent year only.—One fourth of the purchaſe-money to be paid when poſſeſſion is given, the remainder in four annual payments, the purchaſer giving bond with approved ſecurity, bearing intereſt from the date.—Any perſon inclinable to purchaſe may ſee the lands before the ſale by applying to Mr. Henry D. Hooe, who lives in the neighbourhood.

Alſo for ſale upon the premiſes, on Thurſday the 21ſt of April next, 1200 acres of LAND on Wolf-Run in Fairfax County, about 16 miles from Alexandria, and 15 from Colcheſter; two-thirds of this land is in woods, the ſoil fertile, and exceedingly well watered; there are ſeveral orchards and other ſmall improvements on it, and the whole is at preſent rented for 4500 pounds of crop tobacco.—The terms the ſame as the foregoing, and the lands will be ſhewn by Mr. Edwards in the neighbourhood.—Any perſon inclinable to treat privately for either of the above tracts of land before the day of ſale will pleaſe to apply to the Subſcriber.

ELIZA SCOTT, Executrix.

Prince-William County, Feb. 14, 1785.

☞ For Sale at Fauquier Court-Houſe, on Monday the 20th of March next, ſeveral high bred Fillies of the Arabian, Fearnought and Liberty breed, a young Bay Horſe ſuitable for a carriage or the ſaddle, and ſeveral blooded Colts.—Six months credit will be given, the purchaſers giving bond with approved ſecurity, bearing intereſt from the date if not punctually paid.

E. SCOTT.

ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD.

RAN away from the ſubſcriber on the night of the 12th inſtant, a likely black raw-boned country-born Fellow, named WILL, who is very artful and roguiſh, and is ſuppoſed to have been guilty of felony which is the ſuppoſed cauſe of his elopement; he is about forty years of age of the middle ſize, ſtands wide between the knees, and when ſtanding ſtoops in his knees, has long ſlim feet, large ancles, long heels, and has a hump on his breaſt; he is a very handy fellow in plantation buſineſs, drives carriages well, a good ploughman, can ſtock ploughs, underſtands ſtacking and mowing, and can do the common carpenter jobs neceſſary on a plantation; having a variety of clothes his dreſs cannot be deſcribed.—Eight Dollars will be given if taken up twenty-five miles from home or under, and reaſonable travelling charges paid if brought home, and ſo in proportion to the amount of the above reward.—Said Negro is ſuppoſed to be in company with white men on their way to the ſouthern States.

Feb. 14, 1785. LEWIS ELLZEY.

Samuel H. M'Pherſon,

At Meſſieurs Hooe and Harriſon's Store, No. 7,

HAS for ſale, Port wine, porter, cheeſe, ticks of feathers, and a pretty general aſſortment of European GOODS, cheap for caſh, country produce, officers, ſoldiers, and any kind of liquidated certificates.

Alexandria, Feb. 23, 1785.

Juſt received, and to be Sold on the moſt reaſonable Terms, at the Printing-Office,

A Variety of elegant PAPER-HANGINGS.

TWENTY DOLLARS REWARD.

STRAYED or ſtolen from the Subſcribers ſome time in May laſt, a bay MARE, about fourteen hands and an half high, ſix years old, branded G R, though not eaſily diſcerned, with a ſtar in her forehead, a ſmall ſnip in her noſe, the right hind footlock white, has a number of grey hairs round the root of her tail, and is a natural trotter.——A bay horſe COLT, one year old, was loſt at the ſame time, and is ſuppoſed to have been taken off with her.——Whoever delivers the ſaid Mare and Colt to the Subſcribers, ſhall receive the above reward, or Ten Dollars for either.

RICHARD ARELL,
GEORGE MASON.

Alexandria, Jan. 28, 1785.

TEN DOLLARS REWARD.

WAS taken away from the Subſcriber's Plantation, on Shenandoah, Berkely County, near the Blomary, a likely young Virginia-born NEGRO WENCH, about 17 years of age, full-breaſted, remarkably black, round-faced, and upwards of 5 feet high: She took with her a coarſe white linſey jacket, a ſtriped linſey petticoat, a white linen coat and apron, a white handkerchief, ſtraw hat, very ordinary ſhoes and ſtockings, and was brought up to plantation work.—She was taken off by GEORGE LEWIS, a Dutchman, who ſpeaks broken Engliſh, and formerly lived at Alexandria, but of late was a waggoner to Capt. Brady: He is a ſhort thick fellow, of a pale complexion, and has light brown hair; had on when he went away a pea jacket lined with white flannel, a pair of breeches of the ſame colour, and a felt hat half worn.—Whoever apprehends the ſaid Fellow and Wench, and ſecures them ſo that I get them again, ſhall receive the above reward, and reaſonable charges paid if brought home.

BENJAMIN RANKINS.

Feb. 13, 1785.

TO BE SOLD,

A VERY valuable TRACT of LAND, lying on Aquia-Run, in Stafford County, Virginia, not more than one mile from Aquia Warehouſe, about ſix miles from Dumfries, and twelve miles from Fredericksburg, containing Six Thouſand Acres; it is well watered, abounding with timber, and is calculated for planting or farming.—On this land are ſeveral valuable mill-ſeats, one of which is particularly ſo.—The above will be ſold in lots of two or five hundred acres, as may beſt ſuit the purchaſers.—If ſold by the whole tract three years credit will be given for one half the purchaſe; if in ſmall lots, only one year's credit will be given for one half, the other being paid at the time of conveyance.—For further particulars inquire of the Subſcriber oppoſite to Lower-Marlborough, in Maryland, or to Colonel BAILEY WASHINGTON, near to and adjoining the premiſes, who will ſhew the land.

Oct. 13, 1784. WILLIAM FITZHUGH.

FIVE POUNDS REWARD.

ON the 22d of laſt month was ſtolen out of my ſtable, a bay HORSE, with black mane and tail, black legs, has ſeveral ſaddle-ſpots, is creſt fallen and branded upon the near buttock B, about 15 hands high, 12 years old, trots and gallops eaſy, but cuts his ancles a little with his hind ſhoes; he was Major George Waſhington's ſaddle-horſe during the invaſion in 1781, and mine for ſeveral years before and ſince.——It is ſuppoſed he is ſtole by a Frenchman that calls himſelf PEILLON, who is of a middle ſize, dark complexion, about 30 years old, is well dreſſed, and wore here a blue coat with a red waiſtcoat with three rows of buttons.—Whoever brings the ſaid horſe to me ſhall have the above reward, and double on conviction of the thief.

JOHN BROWNLOW.

Fredericksburg, Feb. 8, 1785.

NOTICE is hereby given to whom it may concern, that I intend to apply to the next General Aſſembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia, to have a deed recorded that I got from JOHN MOXLEY, of Loudon County, for a tract of land in Hampſhire County, on Patterſon's Creek, for which I have paid the whole conſideration, and miſſed having it recorded through my ignorance of the laws of the ſaid Commonwealth.—The ſaid John Moxley was to have made me a deed, but was prevented by death.

CONROD MYRE.

February 10, 1785.

TO BE SOLD,

THREE valuable Negro MEN, well acquainted with the Ropemaking Buſineſs.—Inquire of CHARLES STEWART at Annapolis.

Feb. 9, 1785.

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